

solved, for the future, to bear all hardships, rather than be inconstant and wavering in his settlement, for he had often heard people say, that a rolling stone never gathers moss; and indeed it was sufficiently verified in the life of Whittington, for had he continued running from his place, instead of running to it again, 'tis more than probable the great success which attended his adventure would never have benefitted him.

The ship which carried out the cat, was many times very near being lost, and after contending with boisterous seas, double the time they had provision for, they had the comfort to discover land, and it was happy they did, for the shortness of their provisions had obliged the captain to fix the very next day for the ship's crew to cast lots, which five should die, for their bodies to supply the remainder with food; but pro-

vidence was kind enough to prevent this horrid act, though an act of necessity, and which I fear too frequently happens to the brave crews of many a ship, which we never hear more of. But I observed they were fortunate enough to reach land, and tho' it was on the coast of Barbary, entirely inhabited by Moors, great was their joy in having escaped the dangers that surrounded them at sea. The first thing the captain did on shore, was to collect the ship's company together, and on their knees return Almighty God thanks for their wonderful preservation. The inhabitants received them very kindly, and the captain shewed them different samples of his cargo, which pleased them mightily; and the King and Queen invited the captain and factor to dine with them at the palace, which was about a mile from the sea. Here they were seated on elegant chairs, the floor covered with